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SUBJECT: SADAT'S OTHER SOURCES OF ARMS

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1. DURING ADDRESS TO ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY
APRIL 18, SADAT SAID THAT HE HAD TAKEN DECISION TO DIVERSITY
SOURCES OF ARMS SUPPLY.

2. EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTIC SOURCE WHO MAINTAINS CLOE CONTACT
WITH HIGH GOE OFFICES HAS INFORMED US THAT ACCORDING TO "HIGHLY
RELIABLE" INFORMATION, SADAT WAS REFERRING IN PART TO RECENT
ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED DURING HIS MARCH VISIT TO BRONI. JOURNALIST
STATES THAT SADAT AND TITO AGREED TO ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY
YUGOSLAVS WOULD ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT ARMS FACTORIES IN BOTH
YUGOSLAVIA AND EGYPT SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO SUPPLY
EGYPTIAN ARMY WITH AMMUNITTON AND EQUIPMENT. YUGOSLAVS
WOULD RECEIVE PAYMENTS FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

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3. ABOVE REPORT IS REINFORCED BY REMARK TO EMBOFF PRIOR TO SADAT'S DEPARTURE FOR BRIONI BY AHRAM EDITOR HAMDI FUAD, WHO ACCOMPANIED EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA. FUAD STATED THAT EGYPTIAN COS GAMASY HAD BEEN ASKED TO ACCOMPANY EGYPTIAN DELEGATION BECAUSE SADAT WANTED TO DISCUSS ARMS SUPPLY ISSUE WITH TITO.

4. ARMS FROM FRANCE AND UK MAY ALSO BE ENTERING EGYPTIAN INVENTORY. ON APRIL 16, TO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, SADAT STATED "WE SHALL DIVERSITY THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY...WESTERN EUROPE HAS ENTERED THE MARKET FOR THE SUPPLY OF OUR WEAPONS.
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